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By 1 a.m. the fight had come to a confused end, and most of the gay group had left the bar by the time police arrived, Botts said. One man was arrested for intoxication, police said.

About 40 gays and straight friends returned to the bar the next night, "determined not to be frightened off," according to Botts.

"But a straight customer, a man we knew was reliable, warned us it was suicide to be back," she said.

"He told us the bikers were going to be laying for us, in force, the next Friday night (Feb. 8)," she said. "He said he had information that they were planning to kill some of us if they could."

"A lot of us were willing to die, if that was what it took," she added, "but, in the end, we decided not to

go back to the Lazy B."

The man named Rick later made positive identification, from photographs in police files, of two of the men he claimed beat him. Charges are being pressed against the men. Rick also is suing for damages.

Police said they are unable to release any details until the case comes to court, but Capt. Lowell Sellmeyer said countercharges are being pressed.

Meanwhile, the Lesbian Sisters and LINGAG are continuing their effort to find a bar or nightclub. "We don't just want a strictly gay bar. We want a bar where anyone can come to drink with and dance with whomever he pleases, of whatever sexual preference," Botts said.

A male member of the Lesbian Sisters (both they and LINGAG have mixed membership) currently is investigating the possibilities of building or remodeling a house to be used as a gay co-op.

In addition, members of both groups say that, while finding a bar is still an immediate issue, the

need for unity that was dramatized in the Lazy B incident, now is the foremost concern of Lincoln's gay community.

Botts said an important result of the entire experience was the organization of a civil rights movement in the gay community. Six men and six women have been appointed to lay the groundwork for the movement.

"In most major cities, the gay movement starts out with men and women together," she said, "then a schism develops, and they never work together again."

"Here, the men's and women's groups organized separately," she said, "and we've evolved the civil rights movement."

"These 12 people, working together and independent of LINGAG and the Sisters, will succeed where other groups have failed," she said.

Christensen agreed. "We will have our bar in Lincoln," he said. "But more than that, we will have new laws. We will have our rights."



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Registration deadline for tryouts for the 1974-75 UNL Yell Squad will be Wednesday. Registration is being held in the Students Activities Office, Nebraska Union 200.

Candidates must be freshmen or sophomores. Anyone wishing to try out must be registered for at least 12 hours and have a 2.0 grade point average, according to Yell Squad Coordinator Bill Murphy.

Murphy said in the future it is possible that male squad members may incorporate tumbling or gymnastics in their routines.

Last year approximately 15 men and 80 women competed for the five positions open on the squad.

The first practice will be 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Coliseum. Preliminary selections will be made March 20. Final selections are scheduled for March 21.

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